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**Higher Education Commission Receives Biennial Budget
Requests from Indiana's Public Colleges**

Indiana's public colleges and universities collectively have requested new state appropriations totaling a 16.1% increase in the first year and an 8.4% in the second year for the upcoming 2007-09 biennium. These requests represent \$223 million of new state funds in 2008 with an additional \$359 million in 2009, for a total funding increase of \$582 million for the biennium.

The requests include a 3% increase in campus operating expenses as well as funding for enrollment growth, research support, new programs, quality improvement, capital debt repayment, and building repair and rehabilitation. Significant items include:

- \$31 million for new enrollment
- \$41 million for research support
- \$57 million for quality improvement projects and programs
- \$80 million for a Life Sciences Initiative at Indiana University
- \$74 million for repair and rehabilitation of existing buildings
- \$102 million to operate and pay debt on new capital facilities

In addition to the \$582 biennial request, Indiana's public colleges also are seeking \$579 million in cash and bonding authorization for construction of new buildings, building renovation, and infrastructure improvement projects. A snapshot of significant new construction projects include:

- \$17 million for a Mechanical Engineering Building Addition at Purdue West Lafayette
- \$30 million for a new School of Business building at the University of Southern Indiana
- \$30.5 million for a Cyber Infrastructure Building at Indiana University Bloomington
- \$35 million for a Neurosciences Research Building at IUPUI
- \$49 million for a new facility at Ivy Tech Community College at Fort Wayne

In the last budget cycle, Indiana's public colleges received a \$102 million increase in state appropriations over the previous fiscal year for the 2005-07 biennium (1.9% in 2006 and 2.9% in 2007), and an additional \$291 million in cash and bonding authorizations for capital projects. Of the \$102 million increase, \$12.4 million was targeted to campus operating expenses.

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As part of its statutory responsibilities, the Commission for Higher Education reviews the budget requests of all Indiana public colleges and universities prior to each budget session of the General Assembly. The Commission has initiated this review process, which includes public presentations from each college and opportunities for public review and comment. Following completion of its review process, the Commission will formulate and make recommendations to the General Assembly for the next two-year budget cycle.

A summary of the requests received by the Commission from Indiana's colleges and universities is attached.

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About the Commission for Higher Education -

The Commission for Higher Education is the state's coordinating agency for higher education. Its statutory purposes are to plan and to coordinate Indiana's state-supported system of postsecondary education, taking into account the plans and interests of independent colleges and universities; to define the educational missions of public colleges and universities; to review both operating budget and capital budget appropriation requests from public institutions; to approve or disapprove for public institutions the establishment of any new branches, campuses, extension centers, colleges or schools; to approve or disapprove for public institutions the offering of any additional associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree or certificate program of two semesters or more in duration; to review all programs of public institutions and make recommendations to the governing board of the institution, the Governor, and the General Assembly concerning the funding and the disposition of these programs; and, to review the budget requests of the State Student Assistance Commission. For additional information go to www.che.state.in.us